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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FULLERTON ET AL.

Examiner

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 and 19-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-12 and 19-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23-25, 27-34 and 36-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 26 and 35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20040224.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of the new added claims 23-42 in the reply filed on September 21, 2007 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 7-12 and 19-22 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to nonelected inventions, there are being no allowable generic or linking claims. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on September 21, 2007.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the filter as recited in claims 23, 25-26, 33-34, and 41; the switch as recited in claims 28 and 37; and the transistor as recited in claims 29 and 38 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet,

and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 1, line 7, "now allowed" should be "now U.S. Patent No. 6,430,208". Appropriate correction is required.
5. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

6. Claims 27-30, 36-39 and 42 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 27, line 1, "output states" should be "output stage". Dependent claims 28-30 depend from claim 27.

In line 1 of both claims 36 and 42, "an ultra wideband signal" should be "the ultra wideband signal" for clarity. Dependent claims 37-39 depend from claim 36.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

8. Claims 28-29 and 37-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification fails to describe that the trigger signal used to trigger the ultra wideband signal is apply to at least one switch as recited in claims 28 and 37, and the at least one switch comprises at least one transistor as recited in claims 29 and 38 in such

a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

9. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

10. Claim 41 recites the limitation "said filter" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

11. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

12. Claims 23-25, 27-28, 30-34, 36-37 and 39-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McKinney, U.S. Patent No. 3,701,154.

Regarding claims 23, 25, 31, 33-34 and 40-41, McKinney discloses a sonar and radar system in Figure 1 comprising an impulse transmitter section and an impulse receiver section. The impulse transmitter section comprises an output stage (54, 55) for generating a wideband or ultra wideband signal to a transmitter antenna or transducer (not shown), a wideband (band pass) filter 52 for modifying the wideband signal generated by the impulse generator 10 through the wideband filter 15, the narrowband filters 20-24, the phase shifters 30-34, the comparators 40-44, and the adder 50, and the transmitter antenna or transducer for radiating the modified filtered wideband signal,

for example, to the impulse receiver. The detailed description of Figure 2 is described from col. 3, line 31 to col. 6, line 30.

Regarding claims 24 and 32, the wideband signal comprises a pulse, for example, generate by the synchronization pulse generator 11.

Regarding claims 27-29, 30, 36-37, 39 and 42, the wideband signal is triggered by, for example, either or both the synchronization pulse generator 11 and the transmit switch 13A or 13B, and the trigger is at least one of an information signal and a code signal, for example, generate from the synchronization pulse generator 11.

Allowable Subject Matter

13. Claims 26 and 35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ross et al. relates to an impulse radio communication system using low-energy-level coded impulse transmitters and impulse receivers for signaling the presence of fleet vehicles at selected locations as they progress along a route.

Boles et al. relates to an ultra-wideband impulse radar system for use on an airborne platform includes circuitry for coherently integrating the signals to improve signal-to-noise ratio so as to enhance the detection capability of the system.

Cheah relates to an ultra wide band communication system includes a channel filter band in channels having approximately equal bandwidth used in an ultra wide band transmitter.

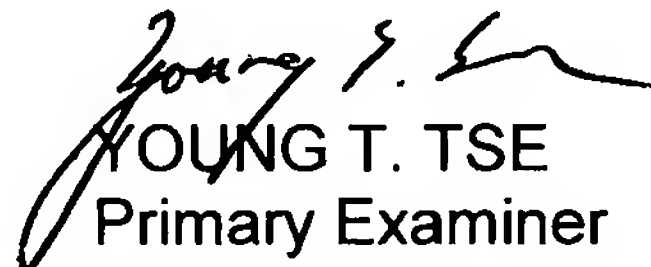
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YOUNG T. TSE whose telephone number is (571) 272-3051. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad H. Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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